



"K" DIVISION CRIMINAL ANALYSIS SECTION

OPEN SOURCE INTELLIGENCE REPORT PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS

K Division – 2022/02/05 20:00 Update

COUTTS AND RELATED PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS K DIVISION

BACKGROUND

K DCAS is engaged in focused open source collection on events related to the Coutts border matter occurring in RCMP jurisdiction in Alberta. The intent is to identify any events that may present officer or public safety concerns.

KEY FINDINGS

- There are at least 10 events planned for today in K Division.
- The following detachments may be impacted by these events:
 - Milk River
 - Sylvan Lake
 - Coaldale
 - All detachments along Highway 2 corridor.
 - All detachments along Highway 16 east of Edmonton

SUMMARY OF PUBLIC ORDER EVENTS IN K DIVISION

Updates appear in **GREEN**

Sit Reps appear in **BLUE**

COUTTS BORDER PROTEST

Protesters at Coutts and Milk River have continued to post on social media, sometimes with live video. There are also multiple callouts for additional support at Coutts Border Crossing and for additional supplies. On 2022/02/05, additional protesters intend to convoy to the Coutts border crossing to support it. This group indicated that it would meet in Nisku, AB.

Post located from **Personal** on Facebook indicates that a convoy will proceed from the Nisku Truck Stop at 09:30 on 2022/02/05, going south on Highway 2A through Wetaskiwin and Ponoka, then

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proceeding onto Highway 2, continuing to Coutts via Calgary and Lethbridge. **Personal Info** posted that the **s.37** they would be using is Leduc Convoy to Coutts.

Personal Info observed that RCMP members were recording license plates at Coutts on 2022/02/05.

A video was shared to Instagram on 2022/02/04 by user **Personal Info** that showed organizers at Coutts reading demands for rural MLA's to leave the UCP and become independent.

A poster attributed to the private group "Freedom Hub Lethbridge" was located indicating a rally on Highway 4 south of Milk River in support of the truckers at 12:00 on 2022/02/05.

Rally 4 Resources Facebook account started a live video at 5:30pm at Milk river. The user states no live videos will be posted for tomorrow from this account as the user is heading back north to Grand Prairie

COUTTS HORSEBACK RIDERS

Facebook Group "Alberta (Coutts) Freedom Horseback Riders 2022" has a planned event 2022/02/05 to attend the Milk River Barricade and the Coutts Border Crossing. Additional posts located refer to using horseback riders to bypass the blockades, bring supplies to people currently there, etc.

Post also located on "Alberta (Coutts) Freedom Horseback Riders 2022" identifying hotels where RCMP members are staying. Post located calling for assistance to shut down. The meeting place was identified as the area of the Sandstone Gas Plus in Milk River.

Approximately 400 horseback riders attended Coutts Border Crossing. **No new social media update**

ALBERTA FREEDOM CONVOY TO EDMONTON

A group organized by **Personal Info** on Facebook, operating as "ALBERTA FREEDOM CONVOY 2022CA" has organized a convoy to Edmonton from the Calgary area. Additional groups have indicated their participation, coming from Lethbridge, Valleyview, Barrhead, Lloydminster and others. This group intends to protest around the Legislature in Edmonton and/or to circle the City of Edmonton via the Anthony Henday.

Vegreville RCMP was contacted by **Personal Info** about a convoy from Vegreville to Edmonton via Highway 16 on 2022/02/05 at 10:45. 50-100 Vehicles were expected. Approximately 50 vehicles departed peacefully from Vegreville at 10:45 via Highway 16A to meet with a convoy from Lloydminster on Highway 16.



Organizer **Personal Info.** advised Barrhead RCMP of a convoy at 09:30 on 2022/02/05. This convoy was to take Highway 33 to Highway 43, proceed to Highway 16 and then circle the **Personal Info.** in Edmonton. At 10:00 approximately 125 vehicles departed Barrhead for Edmonton.

Blackfalds received a report of trucks leaving the Hwy 42 truck stop near Penhold heading to Edmonton. This was outside of the route advertised for the convoy and traffic was being blocked.

Organizers posted a reminder on the morning of 2022/02/05 to participants that this event is to be peaceful and to remain courteous to other drivers.

Personal Info. posted that a group of approx. 115 vehicles were leaving Wetaskiwin and heading for Nisku and onto Edmonton. User **Personal Info.** documented that a convoy of 30-40 people were travelling from Edmonton to Milk River. Convoy has big rigs, mobile homes, and trucks. Was in Lethbridge as of 18:00.

ALBERTA WIDE "SLOW ROLLS" AND CONVOYS

Numerous "Slow Roll" events in protest of the current mandates and/or in support of the Trucker Convoys have been occurring throughout the province.

Provost RCMP made contact with a group planning to convoy around the town at 12:00 on 2022/02/05 and 2022/02/06. This convoy will remain local and will end at Crescent Point Place to go skating.

The mayor of Boyle advised RCMP of a planned convoy to Boyle on 2022/02/05, organized by **Person** **Personal Info.** At 10:00 approximately 25 vehicle circled Boyle before dispersing around 10:45.

Vegreville RCMP reported a convoy of approx. 50 vehicles departed Vegreville Wal Mart at 1045 with a plan of travelling west bound on 16a to Lloydminster then continuing to Edmonton.

Redcliff RCMP reported a protest of 25 vehicles and 10 horses in Walsh, AB. Protest ended at 16:49.

100 vehicles demonstrated in Fairview in support of trucker convoy to Ottawa. Groups of vehicles planned to travel from Grande Prairie, Beaverlodge, Spirit River, Peace River, Fort St. John, Dawson Creek. Fairview RCMP have been in contact with one of the organizers, **Personal Info.** who has provided the route and hopes to have RCMP assistance with an escort

A peaceful blockade/protest was completed on Hwy 3 through Fort MacLeod with no traffic disruptions;



8 horses and 4 motor vehicles took part.

Twitter user [Personal] is planning a "slow roll" on 2022/02/05 at 13:30 from Coaldale to Lethbridge, starting 1 mile east of Coaldale on Highway 3.. The same user also indicated that there would be a "slow roll" from Vegreville to Two Hills at 11:00, and one starting at the Cochrane Historical Preservation Society at 11:00.

Facebook User [Personal Info.] shared a convoy from Lloydminster to Vermillion, starting 2022/02/05 at 10:30. The meeting place for this was behind "Redhead".

[Personal Info.] posted a video stating he is driving back to Coutts from Edmonton. He states that the plan is for protesters to spread out across Alberta in case demands are not met. He states that protesters should set up choke points and 'cut Alberta off'.

FREEDOM SECOND WAVE

Facebook user [Personal] indicated that "Freedom's Second Wave" would be departing Calgary for Ottawa at 10:00 on 2022/02/06. [Persona] was a Maverick Party candidate in [Pers]. The starting point is the Flying J Travel Centre, 11511 40 St. SE, Calgary, AB.

FOOTHILLS FREEDOM RALLY

Facebook page Foothills Freedom Rally is promoting a convoy and protest on February 6, 2022.

The convoy is planning to meet at 11:45 at Dawgs Stadium and have a slow roll around Okotoks then gather at the Okotoks Towne Plaza for a protest.

The Facebook event states [Personal Info.] are attending. [Personal Info.] confirmed his attendance on Facebook. [Personal] was at the Calgary Rally.

MISCELLANEOUS

On 2022/02/04, Alberta Health Services requested assistance from the Sylvan Lake RCMP with serving a notice for Restriction Exemption Program (REP) compliance to the Fireside Restaurant. Fireside has been allowed to continue operating if they remain in compliance with current mandates and was ordered to remove social media advertising that they will not enforce the REP.

Strathcona detachment reported a two convoys of 12-20 vehicles each heading west into Edmonton.



A Sylvan Lake Town Hall protest at 12:00 on 2022/02/05 was shared to the page "Sylvan Speaks – The Voice of the Public & Public Concerns".

Rally 4 Resources started a live video at 17:30 at Milk river east end of Coutts. The user states no live videos will be posted for tomorrow from this account as the user is heading back north to Grand Prairie.

LIMITATIONS

This information was gathered primarily from open source where accessible. Private groups and profiles were not viewed nor were encrypted communications.

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